

Dracut Senior High School Newsletter
Quarter 3
April, 2009

Principal's Update

We distributed third quarter report cards to all students on Monday, April 13th. All **sophomores** have recently completed the MCAS English Language Arts Exam. If our past is any guide, DHS students should do well on the MCAS tests. The MCAS math is scheduled for May 19th and May 20th. Please remind your children that they should get plenty of sleep the night before the exam days in order to do their best during the day.

Seniors are preparing for their Prom and Graduation, which is a mere six weeks after the April vacation. Parents should know that the Senior Prom is scheduled for Thursday, May 21st. Pride Night is Wednesday, June 3rd and Graduation is Friday, June 5th at 6 p.m. Prom tickets will go on sale during the week after April vacation.

Juniors are getting prepared to become seniors as they begin to look seriously at colleges over the spring vacation and the summer months. **Freshmen** will no longer be the youngest students in the building as they progress to their sophomore year in a few short months.

The Superbowl "Dinner of Champions" Celebration for the DHS Middies football team was held on Sunday, March 29th at 4 p.m. at the Lakeview Junior High. More than 400 people attended the festivities. The Program featured the distribution of Super Bowl rings to all players on the Dracut HS football team. Friends of Dracut Football raised the funds to purchase the rings. The Cheerleaders and Bandmembers were recognized for their support throughout the season. The dinner, served by Mike Maguire and the Dracut Schools Food Services, was delicious. The people of Dracut can be proud of the support they demonstrated throughout the football season and at the "Dinner of Champions."

Please note the excellent ongoing work done with and for your children by various DHS departments in this newsletter.

Mr. Generoso

English Department

The tenth-grade ELA MCAS Exam has come and gone. Sophomore teachers worked extremely hard preparing their students for this high-stakes exam. Initial reaction from the students has been positive. We are confident that we will meet or exceed our school improvement goals.

Dracut High School has been given the spring 2009 Writing Achievement Award from Creative Communications for the fourth year in a row. Twenty eight DHS students will be published in the spring 2009 edition of Creative Communication's *Celebrating What Is Important to Me*. Three DHS students will be published this spring in the

premiere edition of *The Marble Collection*, “a progressive, prestigious literary publication” for the state of Massachusetts.

The strong performance all year from the sophomore and senior classes in the nationwide WordMasters Challenge has earned us “Champion” medals for the second time in three years.

Poetry is alive and well at Dracut High School. The English Department sponsored a wildly successful first-ever after-school Poetry Share in the music room on Thursday, March 26th. Students of all grades, faculty from varied departments, and members of the administration shared and discussed their favorite poems. The response was so positive and the interest so high that we will sponsor a sequel, “Poetry in the Courtyard”, which will take place in May.

Music Department Update

The Music department recently completed a successful run of "South Pacific." Mr. Grande and the DHS student cast packed the auditorium for three nights, April 2, 3, and 4. The energy on the stage was palpable and, once again, the town of Dracut came out to support one of DHS' excellent co-curricular activities.

Members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra have been meeting with the DHS orchestra and band through a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. To celebrate this collaboration, there will be a culminating concert featuring BSO players and our students on Monday, May 18th. You do not want to miss this concert that combines top professional musicians with our DHS orchestra and band members.

Many of our art, music, and drama students have recently been accepted to colleges to pursue their futures in these fields.

Foreign Language Update

Ms. Christine Lord and members of the Foreign Language Department extend congratulations to the following students on being selected for induction into the Spanish and French Honor Societies. These students were honored at a wonderful ceremony held at DHS in the Library on Tuesday, March 10th. Ms. Sharon Tully, the Curriculum Coordinator for grades 7-12, was the keynote speaker. The entire Foreign Language faculty was on hand to celebrate its students. Many parents and relatives were present to witness the awards given to their children. A healthy continental breakfast was available to all students and guests after the ceremony.

Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica

- Nicholas Boever
- Daniela Garcia
- Brittany Lanteri
- Nicole Martocchio

- Kenzy McIntyre
- Sylvia Odiana
- Rose Santiago

Societe Honoraire de Francais

- Daniel Eno
- Leah Goddard
- Sarah Henrich
- Jillian McCarthy
- Taylor Regan
- Peter Trearchis